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AGENDA ITEM

III.E. SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE: August 30, 2019

TO: Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

FROM: Amy C. Nuñez, Director, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed Certification Revocations for Failure to Report Group 1 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education Compliance

SUMMARY

Staff provide the attached recommendations for revocation of certification for failure to report 2019 Group 1 Legal Specialist Continuing Legal Education (LSCLE) Compliance (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

Program rules require certified specialists to report 36 hours of LSCLE every three years, which is reported at the same time as their general MCLE requirement. 2019 MCLE Compliance Group 1 reporting was originally due February 1, 2019, and the CBLS approved an extension of time to July 2, 2019.

Reminders have been sent to specialists via letter and e-mail prior to the original and extended deadline.

As of August 30, 2019, 107 certified specialists in MCLE Compliance Group 1 have not yet submitted their LSCLE compliance.

DISCUSSION

Attachment A lists certified specialists who were due to report 36 hours of LSCLE by the extended deadline of July 2, 2019, but they did not submit compliance and did not otherwise respond to any of Staff's communications.

Staff requests permission to send a final notice informing these certified specialists that if they do not submit compliance within thirty days, their certificate of specialization will be revoked.

This would be consistent with past CBLS action taken each year with certified specialists who missed their compliance reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the following motion:

MOVE, that those certified specialists listed on Attachment A are revoked for failure to comply with the LSCLE requirement if no response to a final communication is received within thirty days.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A.** List of certified specialists who did submit 2019 Group 1 LSCLE compliance as of August 30, 2019